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Letter dated 5 December 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman

I have the honour, as the Chairman of the Group of Arab States for the month of December 2006, and on behalf of Algeria, Bahrain, the Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen, to inform you that the aforementioned States are joining the consensus on the Convention, based on the understanding that legal capacity, mentioned in paragraph 2 of article 12 of the Convention, entitled "Equal recognition before the law", means the capacity of rights and not the capacity to act, in accordance with the national laws and legislation of these States.

We kindly request that the present letter be included in the report of the Ad Hoc Committee. We will be presenting it to the General Assembly when the text of the Convention is submitted prior to its adoption.

(*Signed*) Hamad **Al Bayati**
Chairman of the Group of Arab States for the month of December 2006
Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations

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